



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

10 - 18 MARCH 2021

DAY 8: 17 March 2021

St. Joseph, the Friend of those who are Suffering

Saint Joseph, you experienced your fair share of suffering that is the lot of most human beings. You were kind and sympathetic towards those in need and people in distress found in you a faithful and understanding friend.

Having been so intimately united with Jesus and Mary in your life, even now your intercession together with theirs is, I believe, most powerful. Obtain for me the grace to bear my sufferings patiently and that I may unite my pain and suffering to your own and that of Mary and Jesus. Look kindly on all

who are suffering at this time and ease their pain. Preserve the elderly from loneliness and grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. Comfort those who are the frailest, encourage those who have lost all hope and intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: *(Mention your request.....)*. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

THE 'YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH' PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

For the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis

**Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be to the Father....
Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Pray for us.**

